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PASS TO FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION: FOR ANGELLOTTI FROM FISHER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, BGEN, MO

SUBJ: GOM REQUEST ENTRY WAIVER ON SHIPMENTS OF SARDINES.

1. THE OFFICE DE COMMERCIALISATION DE D'EXPORTATION (O.C.E.) ADVISES THAT THEY ARE LATE IN SUBMITTING FORM FD 2541 RE PROCESSING AND CANNING OF LOW ACID FOODS AS REQUIRED ON JUNE 1, 1974. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE RECEIVED THEIR APPEAL REQUESTING FDA TO ISSUE A WAIVER PERMITTING EXCEPTIONAL ENTRY OF TWO SHIPMENTS OF SARDINES WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED IN WAREHOUSE PENDING FDA CLEARANCE. SHIPMENTS INVOLVE 1599 CARTONS (24 TINS PER CARTON) OF SKINLESS AND BONELESS SARDINES VALUED AT DOLS. 9,079 SHIPPED JUNE 3 EX SAFI TO LO ENGELES PER S.S. GARO SIDERO AND 4,000 CARTONS AT DOLS. 24,211 SHIPPED JUNE 10 EX SAFI TO NEW YORK PER S.S. NORTH STREAM. BOTH SHIPMENTS CONSIST OF 1599 CARTONS TO CH. BJELLAUD & CO. INC., 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEW YORK.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH MOHAMED LAZRAK, CHIEF, COMMERCIAL SERVICE O.C.E. WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH FDA REGULATION WHEN N SHIPMENTS WERE EXECUTED, BUT THEY ANTICIPATED SUCH COMPLIANCE BY THE TIME THE SHIPMENTS ARRIVED IN THE U.S., PARTICULARLY SINCE TRANS-SHIPMENT WAS EFFECTED IN HAMBURG. LAZRAK COULD NOT ADVISE AS TO WHY THIS IMPENDING DIFFICULTY WAS NOT RAISED WITH YOU DURING MEETING OF JUNE 28. LAZRAK STATES, HOWEVER, THAT REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORMS MAILED TO YOU AUGUST 2. HE WAS INFORMED THAT

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AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE O.C.E.'S DIFFICULTY TOTALLY RESTS FDA, AND

WHILE WE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATION RE ISSUANCE
OF WAIVER WE WOULD TRANSMIT O.C.E. 'S REQUEST.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF WAIVER CAN BE GRANTED PROVIDING APPROPRIATE
SAMPLINGS OF ABOVEMENTIONED SHIPMENTS CONFORM TO LOW ACID
REQUIREMENTS, IN LIEU OF DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PROCESSING/
CANNING PROCEDURES SUBMITTED IN FORM FD 2541.
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